

BUSY WITH THE PROBLEM

Every Agency, Including President And Cabinet, Discusses Cause And Remedies.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The soaring cost of foodstuffs throughout the country today engaged the attention of virtually every governmental agency with even a remote relation to the problem.

President Wilson and the Cabinet discussed the situation from many angles, its cause and possible remedies. Views held by some of the conferees were that the record prices were intertwined with the general car shortage and congestion on transportation lines, and indirectly affected by the German submarine warfare, which has resulted in vast accumulations of freight and resultant car congestion at Eastern seaports.

Department of Justice agents resumed with new energy their investigations of prices to determine if there is an actual shortage of foodstuffs at large cities where rioting has recently occurred. Attorney-General Gregory announced that measures which may be of considerable avail toward bettering that situation probably would be announced shortly.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, through its field force of investigators and officials here, kept close watch on the efforts of railroads to unravel the tangle of cars at congested points, announced the transportation West of many trains of empties, chiefly for relief at Chicago, and was reported to be satisfied that the gigantic task of restoring conditions to normal was progressing as speedily as might be expected.

The Car Service Commission of the American Railway Association, the supreme court of the railroads in all subjects affecting shortage and congestion, disclaimed all responsibility on behalf of the roads for contributing to the rise through failure to furnish transportation facilities, and announced that at no time had any complaint been received which would indicate that there was a shortage of food anywhere in the country.

The newly created Shipping Board submitted to the President a plan for relief by placing American vessels in the coast-to-coast trade, thus releasing freight cars required for trans-continental traffic. A large merchant marine, which could be used for this duty, sailing by way of the Panama Canal, would be available on the passage by Congress of amendments of the shipping bill now pending.

In Congress, Senator Lewis introduced an amendment to the Revenue bill authorizing the President to seize any foodstuffs which he may believe to be held by a monopoly or for "an unjust increase in price" and dispose of them through public sale at prices to be fixed by the department authorized to conduct the sale.

Senator Martine introduced a bill which would empower the President to declare an embargo on the export of foodstuffs.

BRITISH SEIZE LEADERS.

Nationalist And Sinn Fein Heads in Dublin Arrested.

London, Feb. 4.—The arrest of a number of leaders of the Irish volunteers and other persons who figured in the Irish uprising of last year is reported in a Central News dispatch from Dublin.

Among those arrested, the dispatch says, are Councillor S. T. Kelly, J. J. O'Kelly, editor of the Catholic Bulletin; Darrel Figgis, a well-known writer, and Capt. Liam Mellows.

Dublin, Feb. 23.—A number of Sinn Feiners, who had recently returned from internment in England, were arrested yesterday in Limerick, Galway and Skibbereen, as well as in Dublin. The arrests were made under the defense of the realm act.

Altogether about 50 members of the Sinn Fein and the Gaelic League have been arrested, and arrests are continuing. Thirty-five men were taken into custody in Dublin alone. In Galway last night a prominent member of the Oughterard district council and a prominent Athenry merchant were arrested.

It is believed here that these arrests will greatly embarrass the nationalist party.

DENIAL OF VIRGINIANS

Say They Did Not Stampede or Dry Amendment, as Reported in Baltimore Papers.

Representative Saunders, Watson, Flood, Holland and Harrison, five of the nine Virginia members in Congress who voted for Reed "bone dry" amendment as coupled with the anti-liquor advertisement provision in the Postoffice Appropriations bill, declare that their position on this legislation was misstated in a Baltimore paper which said they were "stampeded" in voting for the "bone dry" proposal.

The position of the five Virginians, as explained by Judge Harrison, was as follows: They first supported the amendment offered by Judge Saunders to the Reed proposal, which protected the State importation law as it now stands until the Legislature shall vote the State "bone dry" when Virginia automatically would have come under the Reed provision. The Saunders amendment was voted down by a combination of "bone dries" and "wets," which left the Reed amendment coupled with the anti-liquor advertisement provision, with no chance of a separate vote on the two propositions, and they then therefore on the final vote supported the whole provision in order to carry out their anti-election, pledges to vote for legislation prohibiting the circulation of newspapers and periodicals that carry liquor advertisements in dry territory.

THE JUNIORS DANCE.

German Club Hold a George Washington Party.

The Junior German Club held a George Washington dance yesterday afternoon, at their regular semi-monthly meeting. Master Courtland Warfield dressed to represent "George" and Mrs. Robert South Barrett as "Martha," led the figures of the German. The favors were hushies, flags and candies. Miss Laura Hulsish, of Havre, Montana, and Master Hayward Douglas Luckett, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., were guests of the club. The members of the Junior Assembly who assisted were Miss Hilda Schneider, Miss Mary Hunt Roberts, Miss Nina Carlin Fulton, Mr. Thomas L. Wattle, Mr. Walter Barrett and Mr. Tayloe Murphy. The members of the club present were Misses Frances Cox, Hilda Pullman, Rosella Burke, Esther Lambert, Elizabeth Ramage, Josephine Ramage, Virginia Keith, Margaret Paff, Regina Gorman, Elizabeth Bryant, Elizabeth Schneider, Roberta Schneider, Irma Kemper, Genevieve Shepperson, Inez Moore, Margaret Moore, Louise Carlin, Josephine Gregg, Rosa Murphy, Augusta Bode, Susan Smoot Thomson, Virginia McCuen, Viola Barrett, Nancy Wattle, Margaret Yates, Jeanette Cochran, Edmonia Baker, Evelyn Pickett, Margaret Eggborn, Dorothy King, Marion Dienelt and Elizabeth De- maine. Masters Courtland Warfield, Bernard Yates, Charles Bell, Lewis Bell, Paul Barrett, Charles Shepperson, Jack Dinwiddie, Gordon Burke, Everett Swan, Stanley Swan, Leroy Piser, Edward Oliver, Urban Lambert, Jack Roberts, Cowan Ramage, Overtown Price, Robert Wheat and Franklin Didier.

CELTIC STRIKES MINE.

Philadelphia's Passengers Bring News to New York.

New York, Feb. 4.—Reports that the big White Star Line steamship Celtic had hit a mine February 14 and was towed back into Liverpool in a damaged condition, were brought here Thursday by passengers on the Philadelphia, also from that port. The Philadelphia, the passengers said, sailed about 30 minutes after the Celtic and the British steamship Canada, a troop ship. Wireless calls from the Celtic asking for aid are said to have been picked up by the radio operators on the American liner, which, however, did not respond, as the Canada was already reported to have reached her. The Canada, it was said, towed the Celtic back to Liverpool.

Entertainment Monday Night.

There will be a musical and literary program at Roberts Chapel, M. E. Church (colored) Monday night at 7:30 o'clock, at which time Commissioner Wild Pigeon will be the speaker. All are invited.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Miss Ruth Brown is visiting relatives in Richmond.

There were no cases for trial in the Police Court this morning.

The river is again practically clear of ice. The steamers of the Chesapeake and Potomac Steamboat Company have resumed their trips.

The item in the Gazette yesterday to the effect that Mr. Andrew Deeton had fallen from a ladder in the building 604 King street and was painfully though not seriously injured should have said Mr. Frank Deeton.

Mrs. Bertha Taylor, who was operated upon for spinal trouble at the Alexandria Hospital by Drs. Yates and Delaney, has improved sufficiently to be removed to her home and is doing nicely.

Dr. George T. Klipstein will deliver an address to the Men's Bible Class of St. Paul's Church in the parish hall, corner of Duke and Pitt streets Monday, February 26, at 8 p. m. His subject will be "The Greater Man from a Medical Aspect."

The basket ball team of the Alexandria High School played the team of the Warrenton school yesterday at the latter place, and were beaten 27 to 37. There were about fifteen in the party from this city, members of the team and their friends.

Mr. Charles Burnes, representative from Baltimore to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Graham, at their home on Braddock Heights, has returned to his home in Baltimore.

The Sunday School of Christ Church will be held at 9:30 a. m. and the Emmanuel Bible Class will meet in the church at the same hour. The services will be by the rector, the Rev. William Jackson Morton, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Alexandria is in no immediate danger of having a sugar famine, as a car load arrived in this city early this morning, consigned to Charles King and Son, which was run over the Southern Railway from New Orleans in five days, an unprecedented run for a freight consignment.

The Rev. Edward T. Kirkley will take for his subject "The Character of Job" at the 11 o'clock service in the Methodist Protestant Church tomorrow morning. The Sunday school and Hustler's Bible Class will meet at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:15 p. m. and at the evening service at 7:45 o'clock the subject will be "Absalom." The District Young Peoples Union of the Methodist Protestant Church will meet in their quarterly Rally in the church Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

APPEALS SECOND TIME.

Virginia Prosecutor Wants Captain of Schooner Elizabeth Clarke Arrested.

Montross, Westmoreland county, Va., Feb. 24.—Commonwealth's Attorney T. Conner Baker has sent a second appeal to Gov. Stuart to have a state police boat and officers sent to the mouth of Lower Machodoc creek to make an arrest of the captain of the schooner Elizabeth Clarke on a charge of violating the state prohibition law. A warrant has been issued for the captain's arrest, said the commonwealth's attorney, it being alleged that he had something like two thousand quarts of liquor aboard the craft when he anchored near the mouth of the creek.

The captain of the schooner defied Sheriff J. W. Harvey, to arrest him, Mr. Baker stated, claiming that the schooner was beyond the line of Virginia headlands and was in the jurisdiction of Maryland.

Several days ago the governor was

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Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Horner, of Rosemont, are spending several days in New York.

Mr. Nevell S. Greenaway, clerk of the Corporation Court, has returned from a ten day trip to the Mardi Gras, New Orleans.

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Gorman, Miss Regnia Gorman and Master Edward Gorman have returned from a trip to Richmond.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Payne Street Chapel will hold its weekly prayer meeting in the chapel at 4 p. m. Sunday. The topic will be "Home Missions." Everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Douglas Luckett and Master Hayward Douglas Luckett, of Columbia, S. C., are the guests of Mrs. Lucie Peyton Luckett, at her home 112 south Patrick street.

Services in Grace Episcopal Church tomorrow will be as follows: Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon at 11:00 a. m. and Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30.

Miss Virginia Fitzhugh Wheat entertained at bridge and a tea yesterday afternoon at her home in Rosemont, in honor of Mrs. Chester Warrington, of Washington, and Mrs. George Washington Lewis, of Braddock Heights, both brides of the winter.

Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison and Mr. Elmer Thompson have returned from Lexington, Kentucky, where they represented the Second Presbyterian Church at the fifth General Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement held in that city Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Worshipful Master Walter S. Nicklin, of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, A. F. & A. M., announces that there will be a called communication of the lodge on Monday evening, the 26th, at which time the M. M. degree will be conferred by members of the local Masonic school, with instructors Worshipful Brothers, Frank W. Latham and C. Page Waller in charge.

The chorus choir of the Second Presbyterian Church will render special music at the regular service tomorrow evening. This will be the first of the special musical services to be held the last Sunday evening in every month. The following will be rendered: Organ Prelude, Andantino, Lemare, Mr. Bitzer, organist and director; Sing Alleluia. Forth. Schnecker, Incidental solos, Mr. G. B. Kennedy and Mr. J. P. Scott; Teach me, O Lord, Bischoff, Mr. A. G. Hopkins; Send Thy Light, Gounod; and Seek Ye the Lord, Roberts, tenor obligato, Mr. Stephen Field.

asked to send a police boat here to assist the county officers. It was thought the ice in the river and creek interfered with the movement of the police boat, but now that the schooner is no longer hemmed in by ice it is expected the state authorities will appear and render assistance.

The commonwealth's attorney, fearing further delay, however, sent a second appeal to the governor. Yesterday afternoon the schooner was still anchored near the mouth of the creek, and the county authorities are anxiously awaiting state assistance.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Milton C. Clarke, owner of the boat yesterday afternoon was in communication with friends in Virginia about his craft. The schooner, he stated, left Baltimore about three weeks ago to go to Coan river for a cargo of lumber for the Wathen Company of Baltimore. He was surprised when he learned of the alleged presence of a cargo of liquor aboard the boat.

Died Today.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunbar, the mother of Mr. Thomas F. Dunbar, of this city, died at her home in Bluemont at 1:30 o'clock today and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon in Bluemont.

See Linton, at Blenheim's old stand, City Market, for meats, Auth's Provisions, etc.

Mrs. Stephen Taylor who has been sick at her home in Pitt street, with an attack of grippe, is improving.

Mr. Thomas Rowen, Jr., is the guest of friends in Warrenton, Virginia.

Mr. John Schofield of this city left this afternoon to spend a few months in Montana for his health. Mr. Schofield was formerly with Graham & Ogden, real estate dealers.

Mr. Charles Herbert Burns, of Baltimore, will address the Wesley Bible class tomorrow morning at 9:45 in the Young People's Building. All men are invited.

Rev. C. R. Strasburg, a former pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, but at present located in Mount Airy, Maryland, is a guest of friends here.

Rev. W. S. Harsell, pastor of the Benning Christian Church of Washington, will preach and conduct communion service at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon at the Christian Mission, 1315 King street.

Mr. E. S. Elliott will move into his new quarters at 604 King street, on Monday next. The store is the one formerly occupied by Fairfax and Company but has been changed and modernized. Mr. Elliott will continue to carry the same line of goods as has been sold at the Elliott store for years past.

In the Second Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock the Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison's subject will be "Putting on Christ." At the evening services at 8 o'clock there will be a special musical program and sermon by the pastor. Sunday schools will be at 9:30 a. m. in the Westminster Building and Payne Street Chapel. Christian Endeavor will meet at 7:15 p. m.

No clue has been obtained as yet of the two tires of lard, containing 400 pounds each, valued at \$144, the present wholesale market price, which were stolen from Swift & Company's warehouse at the corner of Prince and Union streets early Wednesday morning. Indications point to the lard as having been removed with the aid of an automobile, although that is not definitely known.

Although Luther Hadrick, a colored man, has six bullet wounds in his body having been "shot up" by an assailant on Wednesday night, near Clouds Mill, Fairfax county, the Alexandria Hospital authorities say there is hope for his recovery. He was brought here for treatment and is under the care of Dr. M. D. Delaney. Another colored man called "White Boy" is alleged to have attempted to make a seive of Hadrick's body, and is said to have made his escape from the scene very hurriedly.

Big Sale of Medicine

So great has become the demand in Danville for a certain proprietary medicine which contains 25 per cent. alcohol, that the city police department has laid the condition before the Prohibition Commissioner. An investigation has just led to the discovery that during Saturday and Sunday more than 700 bottles were sold in Danville and Schoolfield. The police had to deal with more drunks this week than during the entire month of January and each man admitted that he became intoxicated on the medicine. A Danville druggist has written to the Commissioner asking if the sale of the medicine is legitimate and the Rev. J. Sidney Peters has said there was no provision in the dry law preventing the sale of medicines of this kind. Lemon extract, with 90 per cent alcohol, is running a close second to the medicine and a number of "lemon drunks" have been arrested.

In accordance with his last wish Jacob C. Bowers, a wealthy farmer of Page county, who died two days ago, was yesterday buried in a grave eight feet deep. He made this request in order that his wife, upon her death, might rest above his coffin.

When in Washington and hungry, stop at Schneider's Restaurant 12th street opposite Raleigh.

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SPECIAL GRAND JURY WILL CODIFY CITY LAWS

Will Convene Next Thursday for the Purpose of Considering Cases of Infractions of Dry Law.

Judge Louis C. Barley, of the Corporation Court, has called a special grand jury to convene on Thursday, March 1st, for the purpose of considering the cases of eleven—four white and seven colored—who a few days ago were arraigned in the Police Court and sent on for selling liquor in Alexandria in defiance of the prohibition laws of the state. The white men are Richard C. Burnett, Jack Ryan, Arthur Welch and James Treake. The three first named gave bond in the sum of \$500 for their appearance before the grand jury, but Treake, unable to furnish security, was sent to jail.

The following named gentlemen have been drawn as the special grand jury: George R. Buddin, Henry K. Field, Robert M. Graham, Urban S. Lambert, John M. Reed, Charles E. Pierpoint, A. L. Jameson, Charles B. Swan and Wm. Hellmuth.

It was said many years ago that persons held for the action of the grand jury often remained in jail in Alexandria for months awaiting their summons to appear in court. It is not so now. While there may at times have been unnecessary delay in summoning grand juries, it is plain that the Corporation Court needs no cranking, at present, but uses a self-starter, when law-breakers are awaiting the disposition of their cases.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

Carl J. Mueller, of Alexandria, Runs Into Bernard L. Taylor, of Bladensburg.

Hyattsville, Md., Feb. 24.—Charged with assault and battery, Carl J. Mueller, a groceryman of Alexandria, has been cited to appear before Judge J. Frank Lillard in the police court here Monday night. Bernard Lee Taylor of Bladensburg road, District of Columbia, alleges that a machine driven by Mueller crashed into a wagon he was driving along the Washington-Baltimore boulevard, near College Park, late Thursday afternoon, throwing him off his seat and into the road, causing his horses to break away and damaging the wagon considerably. Taylor, who received a gash on the back of his head and was badly shaken up, says he was on the right side of the road, and that Mueller, driving about twenty miles an hour, failed to sound his horn. Mueller has deposited \$25 collateral with Judge Lillard for his appearance.

Last Night's Concert.

The concert given by the Indian Guard band of this city last evening in the Young People's Building attracted an appreciative audience, the hall being nearly filled notwithstanding the inclement weather. Prof. Julius Kamper, of Washington, the instructor of the band, was director. The program rendered elicited very favorable comment and reflected much credit upon the members of band as well as Prof. Kamper. In addition to the numbers by the band there were vocal and instrumental selections which gave a pleasing variety to the program. Among the others were a vocal solo by Clarence Sutton, duet by Miss Katherine Billheimer and Mr. E. S. Billheimer, tette for two violins and piano, by Prof. Kamper, Mr. A. Friedlander, and Miss Virginia Schwab, piano solo by Miss Flora Betts, vocal solo by A. H. Hopkins, selections by the Ideal Mandolin club, vocal solo by Mr. James Cox and one also by Mr. J. Scott. Cornet solos were given by Messrs. James Kelly and Egbert Van Alostyne, a baritone solo by Mr. Earl Sullivan, and a saxophone solo by Mr. Stephen Gill. The piano accompaniments were by Miss Anna Haslett, Miss Gerlach, Mrs. C. Landon and Miss Vera Germond.

The American toy industry has advanced by leaps and bounds during the past 50 years and has gained additional prestige as a result of the European war, according to an announcement made by the Department of Commerce. In the fiscal year 1912 the United States imported from Germany \$1,384,372 worth of dolls and \$7,596,757 worth of other toys. For the fiscal year 1916 the doll imports dropped to \$617,33 and the other toy imports from Germany to \$1,758,683. In the past the United Kingdom and Canada have been the best customers for American-made toys.

Committee on General Laws Will Submit Unanimous Report on Resolution Next Tuesday Night.

At the next meeting of the Common Council it is expected that the committee on general laws will submit a unanimous report on the resolution introduced in the Board of Aldermen by Mr. Harrison to ascertain the cost of revision and codification of the city laws.

The first revision of the city's statutes was made in 1821, the second in 1844 and the third and last in 1874 by the late William F. Carne, forty-four years ago.

The committee will report in favor of an immediate revision and will ask, first, that the committee on general laws be constituted a special committee to undertake the revision and codification. Second, that the committee be given authority to employ the necessary legal and clerical assistance to accomplish the work. Third, that appropriations be made from time to time to carry on the work, the total amount not to exceed \$800. Fourth, that the committee submit its report to the city council within six months. Councilman C. Keith Carlin will, it is expected, introduce an ordinance carrying out the provisions and recommendations of the committee's report and making the necessary appropriations.

The above announcement will be read with pleasure by every man whose avocation compels him to be familiar with the laws of the city of Alexandria. It is said that the Koran of Mahomet was written first on shells, pieces of bark, etc., and that the work of gathering these fragments and compiling them was performed by a Nestorian monk. For many years the laws of our city have existed in a fragmentary form. Three small books and a number of pamphlets and leaflets, comprising our city laws, and it often requires the genius of a Philadelphia lawyer to determine what is really law.

Attempts have been made oft and on for many years to bring about a revision and codification, but, like movements to have the names of our streets properly placed at corners, they have failed. It, however, seems that Council at last means business.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION.

Rev. Dr. Jno. Lee Allison and Delegate Elmer Thompson Return from Lexington, Ky.

The fifth general convention of the Laymen of the Southern Presbyterian Church convened in Lexington, Ky., February 20th, and was in session three days. There were nearly 1200 delegates and 1000 visitors. The city gave the visiting brethren a cordial welcome and the meetings were instructive and inspirational. The program was full of splendid themes and men brought stirring messages. There was little time for sight seeing in the beautiful city of Lexington, situated in the splendid farming section of the great state of Kentucky because of the full program. The general theme of the convention was "America must not fail," in her mission and duty to the homeland and peoples here, made up of many races and classes, the foreigners, negroes and Indians. Conference were held on the needs of the Mountain people, rural churches, cotton mill operatives, prisoners in our jails and convict camps and the unchurched of our cities. The general thought was we must strengthen our home base and make America Christian for her sake and the world's sake. Many prominent laymen like W. G. A. Millar, of Pennsylvania, and Fred B. Fisher, of New York, brought stirring messages on "What God has a right to expect of a laymen in the matter of personal service and by W. S. Royster, of Norfolk, and others in the matter of consecrated means. Strong addresses were made on the opening day by Revs. Dr. J. S. Lyons, of Atlanta, S. L. Morris and J. F. Vance, church.

A notable speech was made by a colored preacher on behalf of his race, Rev. P. James Bryant, of Atlanta, his speech swept the large audience with enthusiasm. The local church was represented by Rev. Dr. Jno. Lee Allison and Delegate Elmer Thompson. Dr. Allison spoke in special conference on "Christian Stewardship." Mr. Thompson gave a short talk on "Individual work for Individuals."